Quality of News Bulletins

7575. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the frequency of regional news bulletin on Doordarshan is proposed to be increased;

(b) if so, the directions given by the Ministry to the Doordarshan Kendras in State;

(c) whether th quelity of news read in Oriya and some other languages need improvement; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by Government in this direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) It is the constant endeavour of Doordarshan to improve the content and presentation of news, including Oriya news.

Local Radio Stations

7576. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal under their conideration to increase the number of local radio stations during Eighth and Ninth Five Year Plan periods;

(b) if so, the number of such local radio stations planned for Orissa, Bihar and Madhya Pradesh for the above plan periods; and

(c) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) While a number of Local Radio Stations have been proposed to be established during the Eighth Plan, the formulation of the Ninth Plan has not yet commenced.

(b) and (c) As per details given in the Statement.

Statement

S. No.	Place	Scheme
	Orissa :	
1.	Rourkela	LRS with 2×3 KW FM Tr., MP Studio
2.	Puri	LRS with 3 KW FM Tr., MP Studio
3.	Joranda	LRS with 1 KW KW Tr., MP Studio
	Bihar :	—NIL—
	Madhya Pradesh :	
*1.	Saraipalli	LRS with 1 KW MW Tr., MP Studio
*2.	Mandla	LRS with 1 KW MW Tr., MP Studio
*3.	Neemuch	LRS With 1 KW MW Tr., MP Studio

*Subject to the approval of the scheme

Legend LRS —Local Radio Station.
Tr. —Transmitter.
MP —Multi-purpose Studio.